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The HIV/AIDS epidemic is in Nebraska and touches the lives of many individuals, families, and communities. There is no population, whether rural or urban, male or female, gay or straight, young or old, rich or poor, minority or not, that is not affected by this epidemic. HIV/AIDS also impacts the services and perspective of professionals providing care and prevention activities, medical communities, faith communities, and educational systems.

The Priority Populations and Interventions for targeted populations have been identified for 2004-2008. Prevention activities are already underway and will continue with a renewed understanding and focus as a result of this plan.

The Ryan White Title II and Title III programs, physicians, community based organizations, case managers, and individuals providing care can go forward with a better understanding of the HIV epidemic in Nebraska.

Individuals reading this comprehensive HIV prevention and care plan will understand the impact of HIV on our communities, families, and individuals. Organizations, communities, professionals, and the public will find this document useful as they plan and carry out interventions for HIV prevention.

Suggestions, additions, and recommendations to improve and expand this plan to ensure its comprehensive nature are welcomed, as it is through collaborative efforts that we will all have our greatest impacts.

HIV PREVENTION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL OF US.

**TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**